

The Canal Contracts.

The Legislature has at length disposed of this troublesome question. The bill passed the House, by yeas 55, nays 44. According to the Columbus correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette the bill, as passed, "provides that the Board of Public Works shall take possession of all the sections of the public works, except No. 3, and pay the contractors in full, under the contracts, up to the time of taking possession thereof, for all work they have done, all tools, boats, horses, etc. It authorizes the contractors to sue the State, and requires the courts to give the case precedence of all other business; and, if the courts decide in favor of the contractors, their contracts shall be returned to them."

The bill passed the Senate on Monday, and is now a law. This disposition of the matter, we think, will give satisfaction to the people. Although it allows the contractors pay for what they have done, according to the contracts alleged to be fraudulent, it puts a stop to any further depredations on the State revenues, until the validity of the contracts is tested in the courts. If they are decided to be void, the work will be re-let by the State.

We are glad the majority of the Legislature have had the firmness to do their duty, and take the responsibility in regard to these contracts, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts that have been made in certain quarters to deter them from it. The people, we are sure, will approve their course, and award them the praise due to faithful public servants.

Fruit Prospects.

The Cincinnati Gazette of Saturday says: "We are gratified to learn that the prospects for a good fruit crop are still very favorable. About one-half the peach buds are sound, and the trees will yield a fair crop, provided disasters do not occur at a later period. Pears are also safe. Apples are unharmed. Early cherries are damaged, but others are not seriously affected. Grapes are in a good condition, and promise a full average yield. South of this latitude the prospects are less favorable, but we are not correctly advised as to the extent of the damage caused by the late frost."

What Will He Do?

The New York Tribune puts the matter of the resignation of GEARY and the appointment of ROY J. WALKER, very clearly into a few words. "Walker goes forth armed with the promise of unlimited power. If he wishes Judges to be removed—removed they are to be. If he wishes troops—troops he is to have. In short, he is to have (according to promise) exactly that which GEARY wished, and not getting, resigned in despair. Why," says the Tribune, "have these conditions been denied to him and accorded to Gov. Walker? Why, but because the Border Ruffian usurpers of Legislative power over Kansas have insisted on GEARY's downfall, and effected it?" Again, the Tribune says, "when men tell us he will do fairly, we cannot help asking, do what? Will he sustain the usurped predominance of the Border Ruffians? Will he enforce the bogus laws? Will he consider resistance to the editors of the Missouri-Kansas Legislature a rebellion justly punishable with death? These are the questions in the case."

Connecticut did not do so well for the Republicans as at first reported.

The Democrats elected two of the four Congressmen, one, however, by a majority of only 10 or 12 votes. This is a Republican loss of two members.

The steamer Niagara brings Liverpool dates to the 28th ult.

The elections in England for members of Parliament, as far as they had taken place, had resulted favorably to the Ministry. Breadstuffs continued dull. Ohio Flour at Liverpool 28s30s.

Monument to Henry Clay.

The corner stone of the Clay Monument, to be erected at Lexington, will be laid on the 4th of July. The Rev. Robert J. Breckenridge will deliver the oration on the occasion, and not Edward Everett, as reported. "Julius W. Adams's design for the monument has been unanimously accepted."

The Cologne Gazette states that Bayard Taylor returned to Stockholm from his winter tour in Lapland, about the middle of February.

The most northern point reached by him and his companions was Kautokino, in Pismark, 69 deg. north latitude. They travelled in Lapland costume, on sleds drawn by reindeer, and were objects of great interest with the natives, as Taylor was the first American seen in these parts.

Michigan Election.

Incomplete returns indicate the election of the Republican State Judicial ticket by at least 10,000 majority.

Six of the eight Circuit Judges and one of the University are Republicans.

Not more than a two-thirds vote was polled.

Advertising Swindlers.

We see that Brother Halsey, of the Hamilton Intelligence, in his last issue, is down on one of these gentry, who have recently victimized Western publishers pretty extensively, and are among the number. Geo. A. Croft, of Philadelphia, is the name of this unprincipled swindler, who has no more conscience than to cheat printers out of their hard-earned dues. Some time ago he sent out a flaming advertisement, of nearly a column, describing in grandiloquent style, the wonderful attractions of a new Literary Paper, called "The Nation," accompanied by a note, requesting publishers receiving it to insert the advertisement conspicuously in their columns for a certain length of time and send their bills to him. Honest, unsuspecting souls, as they generally are, nearly all complied with the request, as we did, supposing that "it would be all right." Like our friend Halsey, however, we have discovered (to our cost) that Mr. Croft does not respond to his printer's bills when sent in, and we are reluctantly forced to conclude that he is a gentleman of the "Jockey Diddle" school, a class which is becoming quite too numerous in these latter days.

We hope their experience in this case, and others of a similar kind, will induce the publishers of Ohio to adopt a rule for protection in future against these Advertising Swindlers. Let us inflexibly determine, and so announce in our respective columns, that hereafter we will publish no advertisements from a distance, unless they are accompanied by payment in advance, or sent by parties whom we know to be responsible. The best plan would be to have a reliable Agent in each of the large cities, and take no advertisements on credit, except through him, and for which he would agree to stand responsible. If all publishers in the State would at once adopt this rule, and adhere to it in all cases, such swindlers as this Mr. Croft, would be effectually "headed off" in their future attempts.

We throw out these suggestions for the consideration of our contemporaries, and hope they will be deemed worthy of adoption.

Latest from Kansas.

The programme for making Kansas a Slave State is being duly carried out. The time for taking the census for the Constitutional Convention, under the act of the "Bogus Legislature," expired on the 1st inst. Our latest accounts received from the Territory state that the census-takers committed the grossest frauds, in making out their lists, refusing to put down F. S. emigrants who arrived this Spring, while pro-slavery men were entered on the lists, who have never lived in the Territory at all.

A letter from Leocompton, dated April 1st, published in the Missouri Democrat, says:

"The Pro-Slavery men boast that they have a 'large majority.' There is no doubt but that this census has been taken in a very fraudulent manner. Johnston county, and other border counties in the Indian reserves, are reported to be densely populated. All the pretended claim-takers of the Slave and the West Land Associations have been placed upon the census-lists. It is reported to be so elsewhere. Less than half of the actual Free State settlers have been taken."

This is confirmed by the following later dispatch:

St. Louis, April 11.

Kansas advices to the 7th inst. have been received. The requirements of the law have not been carried out respecting the census lists. No voting will be allowed in Lawrence or Leocompton. Four obscure places have been designated as the polls. Robinson and Deitzler appeared at Leocompton, on the 10th inst., to stand trial for treason, but the time, place and court being changed, they were directed to appear on the first Monday in May.

Webster's Opinion of the Supreme Court.

A letter written to the Boston Atlas recounts a remark made by Daniel Webster to him in the course of conversation. Mr. Webster said:

"The time was, sir, when a well-read lawyer, who thoroughly understood his case, could form an opinion as to its result before the Supreme Court; but not now, sir, not now. That court has become a court of expediency."

Black and White.

A negro woman residing at No. 3 Richmond street, Boston, gave birth on Sunday to two living infants, one of which is black and the other white.—Exchange.

How would Chief Justice Taney regard the distinction between the two, as regards their being citizens of the United States? Can one sue in the Federal Courts and not the other?

Shakespeare makes one of his characters say—

"How sweet the moonshine sleeps upon this bed!"

But in this "red-dog" and "wild-cat" era the reading about banks and moonshine should be modernized thus:

"How sweet these banks do sleep upon this moonshine!"

—La Salle Press.

Fire in Jackson.

The grist mill of John Davis & Bro., in Jackson, Ohio, with the dwelling house, stable, &c., attached, was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning of last week.

Lady Franklin writes to the Hon. Mr. Grinnell, of New York, that she is sitting out another Arctic Expedition, at her own expense, to seek for relics of the lost navigators.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Harper for April, is for sale at Bowles', and contains illustrated articles on the Holy City, a June Jaunt from Baltimore to Ohio, and Mosses, besides the following:

- The Story of a Huguenot's Sword; Anecdotes of Lord Raglan; Oliver Goldsmith; May and Death; Uttozeiter; The Miser's Curse; Broken Down Kings; Reminiscence of a Foreign Celebrity's Reception Morning; Barbara's Courtship; The Three Numbers; The Leonardo; Little Dorrit; and the Usual Editorial Miscellanies.

Blackwood's Magazine for March is welcome to our table, though a little tardy. Its contents are:

- Arctics among the Alps—Element of Power; The Athelings, or the Three Gifts—Part I; A Crow Picked with Mr. J. Bull; Picture Books; Scenes of Clerical Life, No. 2—Mr. Gill's Love Story; The Conquest of Bactria—a Lay of an Old Greek Vase; Hester Benfield; Barry Cornwall; Arctic Adventure; Letters from a Lighthouse—No. 2.

The story of the Athelings is drawing to a close. We see that the author is said to be a lady, but her name has not yet been made public.

Terms of Blackwood \$3 a year. Re-published by Leonard Scott & Co., New York.

North British Review, February.

From the same publishers we have received the February No. of the North British Review, the youngest, but by no means the least able of the four leading Quarterly Reviews. It contains nine articles, the titles of which are:

- 1. The Employment of Women; 2. Modern Style; 3. Dr. Samuel Brown; 4. Dr. Kane's Arctic Expedition; 5. Mrs. Browning's Poems; 6. Richard Hooker; 7. Arts and Unions; 8. The Trade in Opium; 9. United States Politics, Foreign and Domestic.

Terms \$3 a year.

The U. S. Military Asylum at Harrodsburg, Ky.

By an act of the last Congress, the Secretary of War was authorized to sell the grounds and buildings belonging to this institution. They have been found not to be well adapted for an institution of the kind, and entirely too expensive—the annual amount required for each soldier having been \$550. The Harrodsburg Plough-boy hopes to see the place again converted into a fashionable watering-place.

Owning Up.

We cut the following from the Charleston (S. C.) Courier of April 2d. There is a refreshing frankness in it. While Northern Democratic papers are denying that the South are taking any measures to force slavery on Kansas, the Courier frankly tells not only that they are doing it, but how they are doing it. The italicizing is ours:

AID TO KANSAS.—The Executive Committee of the Kansas Aid Association has called a public meeting of our citizens, at the Hall of the Southern Industrial Institute, Meeting street, at 8 o'clock this evening, to receive important and interesting information on Kansas affairs, from Cols. Baker and Traders, two able, intelligent, and eloquent delegates from that still distracted Territory, in which the final struggle is soon to come off between the Pro-slavery and anti-slavery forces. We learn that a large number of Missouri and other Southern emigrants have been recently thrown into the Territory, so as to bring them within the election law, which confines the right of voting for members of the Convention, which is to seal the destiny of Kansas, to residents, on or previous to the 1st of April, instant; and that this measure, essential to the success of the Southern cause, has been attended with a very heavy expense, in which it is hoped and expected that Charleston and South Carolina will cheerfully and promptly bear a liberal part. In fact, the sinews of war are needed to wage a victorious result the great battle for Southern rights and Southern equality, to be soon fought on the prairie lands of Kansas, and the Palmetto City and the Palmetto State are confidently looked to for material aid. Fine speaking may be expected at the meeting, to be followed, we trust, by liberal action. Let there be a multitudinous and inspiring rally for Kansas and Southern Rights.

HOOPS SAVED HER.

As the steamer Commonwealth came alongside the wharf at New London on Friday night, on the passage from Norwich to New York, a lady walked overboard and would have been drowned but for the hoops in her dress, which rendered the same somewhat ballast, and withal answered the purpose of a more complicated life-preserver. The night was very dark and it was nearly half an hour before she could be extricated from her perilous situation, during which time the hoops were sufficiently strong to buoy her up and prevent her from sinking.

[New York Tribune, March 30.]

TROUBLE IN MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

Governor Chase has filled the vacancies caused by the expiration of a portion of the Board of Trustees by appointing the following gentlemen, who have been "confirmed" by the Senate.

Robert W. Steele and John G. Lowe, of Dayton.

William Beckwith, of Hamilton, and Dr. C. P. Goodrich, of Oxford, Butler county.

Geo. W. Holmes and Rev. B. P. Aydelotte, of Cincinnati.

The Trustees are appointed for nine years from the 1st of March, 1887.

Matters about Home.

APPRENTICE WANTED.

An active, intelligent boy, from 15 to 18 years of age, and of good moral habits, will be taken as an apprentice to the Printing Business, at this office.

UNION SCHOOL BOARD.

The election for members of the School Board, held on Monday last, resulted in the choice of BENJAMIN BARRENE and BENJAMIN CRANEY, by a large majority.

Ladies, call at the store of JOSEPH I. WOODROW.

His selections are among the most tasteful in the market, and his prices will be found as moderate as those of any other house.

The citizens of Greenfield voted last week on the question of establishing a Market.

The proposition was large, but few votes being given against it. We should rejoice if this movement would wake up our citizens to the necessity and convenience of such an "institution" in Hillsboro.

That venerable authority, "the oldest inhabitant," has been consulted in regard to the extraordinary weather we have had of late, and gives it as his decided opinion, that he "never knew anything like it." Twice since our last issue, the ground has been covered with snow again, and the mercury most of the time has stood below freezing point, with cold and cutting winds, unpleasantly suggestive of the Arctic regions.

Gardening operations are indefinitely suspended, and the prospects for "early Peas" look decidedly gloomy. We are now in the middle of April, but from present appearances, "April showers" will make so "May flowers" this year, except, perhaps, a few "snow-balls." If the count, whose speedy coming is predicted, will have the effect of making the weather warmer, we may "certainly be excused for exclaiming, with the b'hoys, 'if you're coming, why don't you come along!'"

Hon. THOS. F. MARSHALL of Ky.

delivered Lectures in this place on Monday and Tuesday evenings. His last Lecture, on the "Philosophy of History," was one of the most brilliant displays of oratory we ever heard. It was in all respects worthy of Mr. M.'s reputation as an orator, and will be long remembered by those who heard it.

The Concert This Evening.

Don't forget that the Second Concert of the Saxo Horn Band comes off this evening. The programme will be entirely different from that of their first Concert, and besides a variety of Marches, Quicksteps, Polkas, Waltzes, &c., by the Band, will embrace several Gleees by Amateur Vocalists, two Instrumental Trios by gentlemen amateurs, a Solo on the Scotch Bagpipes by an amateur, who is a native of "Auld Scotia," and the celebrated "De Beriot's 5th Air," with variations, performed by Mr. Squires, on his favorite instrument, the Violin.

The superior entertainment offered, together with the meritorious claims of the Band, ought to ensure them an overflowing house.

"Vendi Exponas."

We direct the attention of our readers to the lot of very valuable property offered at Sheriff's Sale, in the advertising columns of this week's NEWS. We do not refer to the goods and chattels or lands and tenements of any unfortunate debtor, which the worthy officer of the law aforesaid has been directed to "expose to sale by order of Court," but to the new and fine stock of Groceries, Hardware, Cutlery, Wooden Ware, and other "Notions," which he has just received at his store, directly under our office. We understand that the goods will be sold "positively and without reserve"—"terms cash or approved credit"—Sale to continue every day (Sundays excepted) from 6 A. M. till 9 P. M.

We would not for the world insinuate anything against our neighbor's success, but truth requires us to add, that the sale is "for the benefit of his creditors," and we therefore advise all who want bargains to be on hand.

GREAT GEOGRAPHICAL DISCOVERY IN GEORGIA.

A DRY SWAMP.—Interesting intelligence has just been received from the State survey of the Okefenokee Swamp, which covers nearly a fourth of the map of Georgia. The great swamp does not appear to be a swamp after all. So far from being impeded by water, the expedition suffered severely from want of it and were compelled to sink three wells for drinking and cooking purposes. The underwood was found of almost fabulous thickness, "tho' which they were compelled to cut their way with knives, whereby they were so much delayed as to be in danger of starvation. Their supplies being exhausted, the most erroneous opinions have been entertained of the extent and nature of the whole region. No published map gives any idea of its geography. The survey will prove a fortunate venture. The submerged portion is found to be easily drained, whereby thousands of acres of the most valuable cotton lands in the South will be reclaimed.

Late from the South.

NEW ORLEANS, April 13.—Preparations are making to send one thousand men from Charleston to the relief of Vicksburg. New Orleans contributes five thousand dollars for that purpose.

Snow fell yesterday at Vicksburg, also at Summit, Mississippi.

Range of the Thermometer for the Month of March.

DAY OF MONTH.	7 A. M.	9 A. M.	11 A. M.	1 P. M.	3 P. M.	5 P. M.	7 P. M.	9 P. M.	WIND.
1	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
2	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
3	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
4	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
5	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
6	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
7	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
8	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
9	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
10	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
11	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
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13	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
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27	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
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29	31 1/2	36	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	W. S. 1/2
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REMARKS.—Highest temp. of month, 73, on the 24th; lowest, 16, on the 31st. Mean temp. of month, 55.9. Prevailing winds E. and N. W.

Memoranda.—1st. Snow falling in the afternoon.

2d. Just enough snow this morning to make the ground white, but it soon disappeared.

3d. Snow rain last night.

4th. Ground white with snow again this morning, which soon melted.

5th. Snow rain last night.

6th. Deep snow this morning, 3 inches deep at 7 A. M., and 3 1/2 inches at 1 P. M.

7th. Drizzling rain from 11 A. M. most of the day.

8th. Ground white with snow again this morning.

9th. Storm of wind about 11 A. M.

10th. Thunder-storm 7 P. M.

11th. Clear and some light rain.

CONGRESSIONAL MANNERS.

On Saturday morning a gentleman and his wife took seats together in the N. Y. cars at Washington, but the gentleman was obliged to leave for a moment to look after his baggage. On his return, he found the Hon. Albert Rust, of Ark., sitting in his seat, to whom he explained that it was his seat, and that it was his wife who occupied the place beside him.

Mr. Rust refused to leave. The gentleman persisted in claiming his seat, when the Hon. member rose and drew his bowie knife. A fight seemed inevitable, but the general feeling manifested itself so strongly against Rust that he put up his knife and agreed to leave the seat, if permitted to retire with the honors of war. The lady was so frightened that she was barely saved from fainting. Rust left the cars at the Relay House and went West.—Tribune.

An excellent bill has been introduced into the Pennsylvania Legislature giving to the cities, boroughs and townships the power of establishing public libraries for the use of their inhabitants, and of levying, for that purpose, a tax equal in amount to one dollar for every taxable inhabitant.

THE MARKETS.

HILLSBORO, April 13, 1887.

OATS are very scarce and in demand at 40c from wagons.

CORN is also scarce and in active demand at 30c.

WHEAT—Prices have declined to 30c25c, with moderate receipts.

CORN MEAL is scarce and in demand, at 12c.

BUTTER is still scarce. Good brings 18c20c. Other articles are without change.

BUYING RATES—WHOLESALE.

Flour, 40 lbs., 55c00 Butter, 2 lb., 15c15